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Audit: Wise Abused Credit Card Use in Delaware

WILMINGTON, DE (AP) -- According to a Delaware audit released today, the Duval County superintendent spent thousands of dollars on personal purchases while he was a superintendent in Delaware.

The audit says Joseph Wise's use of a Christina County district credit card from July 2003 to November 2005 was inconsistent with district and state policies. During that time, Wise charged more than \$75,000. Some of the money was used for meals and gift certificates, but the auditor's report doesn't specify how much may have been spent improperly.

Wise has said the allegations against him were political.

The audit was ordered by Superintendent Lillian Lowery as part of a financial review when she took the job in March. A financial team discovered a \$28 million deficit, forcing the system to cut jobs.



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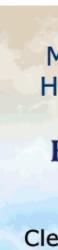
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